

Subject Homeless youth cash stipend pilot project

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Overview

This bill establishes a homeless youth cash stipend pilot project to provide a direct cash stipend to homeless youth in Hennepin and St. Louis Counties and appropriates money for the pilot project.

Summary

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1 Homeless youth cash stipend pilot project.

This bill establishes a homeless youth cash stipend pilot project to provide a direct cash stipend to homeless youth in Hennepin and St. Louis Counties.

Subd. 1. Pilot project established. Requires the commissioner of human services to establish a homeless youth cash stipend pilot project to provide a direct cash stipend to homeless youth in Hennepin and St. Louis Counties and design the pilot project to meet the needs of homeless youth, including underserved communities.

Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines “commissioner” and “homeless youth.”

Subd. 3. Administration. Requires the commissioner to contract with Youthprise to administer the pilot project. Lists duties that must be included in the contract with Youthprise.

Subd. 4. Eligibility. Specifies eligible pilot project participants are homeless youth who are 18 to 24 years of age who live in Hennepin or St. Louis County at the time of initial enrollment in the project.

Subd. 5. Cash stipend. Requires the commissioner, in consultation with Youthprise and Hennepin and St. Louis Counties, to establish a stipend amount for eligible homeless youth who participate in the pilot project.

Subd. 6. Stipends not to be considered income. Prohibits a cash stipend under this section from being considered income, assets, or personal property for

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purposes of determining eligibility or recertifying eligibility for various public assistance programs and MA.

Subd. 7. Report. Requires the commissioner, in cooperation with Youthprise and Hennepin and St. Louis Counties, to submit a final report on Youthprise’s findings regarding the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the homeless youth cash stipend pilot project to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over homeless youth policy and finance by January 15, 2027.

Subd. 8. Expiration. Makes this section expire June 30, 2027.

2 **Homeless youth cash stipend pilot project; appropriation.**

Appropriates \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2024-2025 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to Youthprise for the homeless youth cash stipend pilot project. Specifies allowable uses of the funds. Sets base appropriations for future fiscal years.



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